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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S ROLE IN DEALING WITH PRESSING GLOBAL PROBLEMS
-- POPULATION GROWTH AND ADEQUATE FOOD PRODUCTION

REF: STATE 201289, STATE 107370

1. AS DEPT. AWARE AMBASSADOR QUANTON DEPARTED POST JUNE 9,
AND EFFECTIVE JULY 19 WE HAVE HAD A TOTAL TURNOVER OF ALL
SUBSTANTIVE OFFICERS AT POST. AMBASSADOR'S NOTE ON CHRON COPY
OF STATE 107370 WAS QUOTE NO ACTION TAKEN WITH GOCAE UNQUOTE.

2. I WOULD ASSUME AMBASSADOR'S RATIONALE ON THIS QUESTION WAS
ATMOSPHERE FOLLOWING U.S. DECISION TO SUSPEND ANY FURTHER
AID PROJECT DEVELOPMENT IN CAE FOLLOWING HUMAN RIGHTS INCIDENTS
OF LAST SUMMER. OUR AID ACTIVITY HERE SINCE THEN HAS BEEN
ONLY ONGOING AND DIMINISHING FUNDING OF EXISTING PROJECTS AND
SELF-HELP FUND. AS THIS PERIOD REPRESENTED NADIR OF US/CAE
RELATIONS, FROM WHICH WE ARE ONLY RECENTLY EMERGING, AMBASSADOR
NO DOUBT FELT THAT TIMING WAS STILL INOPPORTUNE FOR WHAT MIGHT
APPEAR TO BE GRATUITOUS LECTURES FROM U.S. GIVEN MERCURIAL
NATURE OF CHIEF OF STATE, SUCH APPROACHES COULD IN FACT PRODUCE
NEGATIVE RESULTS IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF LESSENERED U.S. INVOLVEMENT
IN DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES. IF SUCH WAS RATIONALE, I WOULD
CONCUR IN HIS DECISION NOT TO PURSUE THESE QUESTIONS, AT LEAST
NOT AT HIGHEST LEVELS AND NOT AT THIS TIME.

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3. ALL OF ONGOING U.S. AID EFFORTS HERE DO, HOWEVER, FOCUS ON
BASIC HUMAN NEEDS AND MANY ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO FOOD PRO-
DUCTION AND POPULATION ACTIVITIES. POINTS OUTLINED STATE 107370
ARE OFTEN MADE IN COURSE OF REGULAR OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES
INVOLVING SEED MULTIPLICATION, FISHERIES, WELL DRILLING AND
OTHER SIMILAR PROJECTS. HEALTH CARE RELATED PROJECTS ALSO HAVE
SIGNIFICANT POPULATION PLANNING ELEMENT, AND IN CASE THERE IS

A RELATIVELY HIGH LEVEL OF COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION AMONG
NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DONORS.

4. MY OWN VIEW ON THE DIALOGUE AND ITS LEVEL REQUESTED IN STATE
107370, AS SEEN IN THE CAE PERSPECTIVE, IS THAT WE WOULD BE
WELL ADVISED TO WAIT FOR A MORE PROPITIOUS MOMENT, PERHAPS
UNTIL OUR FY 1980 AID PICTURE COMES INTO SHARPER FOCUS.
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